

# The Egg

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## **Chapter 1 - Introductions & Failure**

This is a story about the hero of our world known as Eliga, the mage and alchemist. First off, some basic information about our hero. Eliga's family had an ancient relic, an egg. When he was 5 years old, he knocked the egg over and broke it on his head. While yolk and tears ran down Eliga's face, an egg appeared in his hand. Eliga's comforting parents who held him dearly, immediately backed away from the hero. They completely disowned Eliga because of his unexplainable ability. The lonely Eliga was now forced onto the street, where he could only survive on the eggs made from his inexplicable gift.

Now, let me introduce you to Eliga's party. Firstly, Brandon, the thief and scribe. His family was very poor while he was growing up. Brandon was bullied by all the kids around him, this made him want to get stronger. Brandon began working out, he would run at least 800 meters 2-3 times a week, do 100 push-ups, 100 pull-ups, 1 hour planks, and 100 sit-ups. While this stopped Brandon's bullying problem, it unfortunately started another. Working out became an addiction to Brandon. He needed to workout everyday, otherwise it would have destroyed him mentally. The next member of Eliga's party Jude, The priest and enchanter. There isn't much to know about him, the only thing is that he is fat... Joseph, the archer and merchant. He comes from a far away place. The town Joseph grew up in was very small, and received massive amounts of snowfall each year. The townspeople all had to work together in order to live in such a harsh environment. This in turn, made Joseph one of the kindest people to live in this world with. Joseph's homeland had only one type of tree, the maple tree. Using that tree, they would produce their mysterious and powerful maple syrup. Joseph always carried a jar of maple syrup with him. He would never allow anyone to ever touch it, NEVER. The fifth party member is Olivia, the summoner and tailor. She had the best upbringing

of them all. With a rich family, Olivia got everything she could ever need. The problem was that her social skills were very lacking. Olivia would spend all of her time drawing, as she had no time for anything else. Though Olivia wanted to change so, she set off to be an adventurer. Also, she makes really weird noises, no one knows why. The last two members of the party are Magic, the knight and forager and Landon, the tank and blacksmith. This party would fight off the world's most deadly monsters, all while leveling up and making money. Right now, our party is the most basic of basic parties, here's their stats.

Now that you have met our hero's party, the story truly begins. Our party is named Elgia's Egg Adventurers. They gathered on the first morning since the party was created in the guild hall. Guild halls are places where big groups of adventurers or guilds get together and discuss world threatening problems. The guild hall also serves for villagers to bring a request for anything they need, the adventurers can in turn go there and choose any quest based on their ranking. Ranking starts at "F" and by completing quests, you gain ranks, as well as exp and gold.

"Who are you, and why are you talking like that?!" Elgia randomly shouted in the middle of the guild hall.

"Elgia?" Brandon tried getting his attention.

"Who are you talking to?" Olivia asked.

Elgia is often found randomly talking to someone that no one can see.

"Well, if anything, it is all your fault.. whoever you are," Elgia said again aloud.

"Who's fault?" Magic asked.

"Nothing, don't worry about it anymore," Elgia responded.

The party, having finished their squabble, headed to the quest board to choose their first mission. "Slimes? That sounds pretty easy, what do you think?" Elgia asked his party.

"Slimes... They seem super easy, let's do it!" Landon responded to him.

The party set out for what seemed to be the easiest quest of their life. "Jude! What are you doing?! I need you to heal me!" Magic shouted, as if life depended on it.

Jude yelled back, "I'm out of mana, you're just gonna have to make it!"

"I can't! Landon is already dead!"

"Fireball! Yes, did you see that!" Eliga called out.

"Now's not the time, Eliga," Joseph told him.

"Where's the formation, guys?!" Brandon yelled.

Magic, taking a blow to the abdomen, found his last words: "Run!"

"Yeah, Magic and Landon are dead and Jude is out of mana, let's get out of here now!"

"You think!?" Brandon shouted at him while also being the first to start running.

Our party abandoned the slime quest, having lost two party members and not killed a single slime; they were in shambles.

"I thought you said this quest was an "F" rank!" Brandon shouted as the party settled down from running away.

"I don't know, that's what it was posted as at the guild hall." Eliga rebutted.

"That was for sure not an "F" rank quest..." Olivia whispered.

After a long rest, the party's mana and health were fully restored. The party journeyed back to the guild hall. Upon entering they were quickly greeted at the door, "You're that party that set out for the slime quest, right?"

"Yeah, Why the heck was that an "F" rank quest?!" Eliga shouted at the guild representative.

"Are you missing two members...? Well, no matter, we're sorry to inform you but the quest you went on was an "SS" ranked quest. The guild takes full responsibility for the false ranking, and in return you each shall receive five hundred thousand gold. Please don't file a claim to the king..." The representative said in a low and threatening tone.

"Five hundred thousand... We could buy some good equipment," Jude said aloud.

"Come on Eliga, let's take it!" Joseph said.

"I feel bad for Magic and Land-"

"I'll make it one million gold," The representative said, cutting Eliga off.

"One million... I'll take it!" Eliga excitedly shouted.

"Shhhh, nothing happened here today, right?"

"Right!" The party shouted in unison.

## **Chapter 2- First Adventure?**

The next day our party met back up at the guild hall in search of what they should do next. "Everyone gather, it's about the money" Eliga called out to the party in the middle of the guild hall.

"Eliga, we are already here..." Jude told him.

"I know that!"

"Okay then what do you want?"

"I went out yesterday after getting the money and thought about what I could buy with it."

"Wait, you were just supposed to figure out how to split it?" Olivia asked.

"Well I went out and bought a house!"

"..."

"I spent all 1 million gold on the house!"

"..."

"Okay that's not too bad, it could have been worse..." Joseph said.

"Come on, I'll take you there!"

The party followed it's stupid leader into what seemed to be not a too big a problem at the time. The party arrives at the house in awe "Eliga this house looks amazing!" Brandon said.

"I know!" Eliga responded.

"We shouldn't have spent a million gold on it, instead of buying equipment." Jude grumbled.

"Alright you saw it let's go back to the guild hall now." Eliga told the party.

"But we haven't gone inside yet?" Brandon asked.

"Back to the guild hall we go" Eliga insists only to result in failure. The party opens the door in which their expectations are shattered.

"Eliga, this is great and all but how much did you spend exactly on this?" Joseph asked.

"I spent all one million."

"Did you go inside before buying it?" Jude asked.

"..." Eliga silence was taken as a yes by the party.

"Eliga, sometimes you don't think, do you." Olivia told him.

"Eliga never thinks!"

You see our party was met with a facade, the house was amazing on the outside, it looked like a mansion. On the inside magic was used to make it a single room, a kitchen, and bathroom.

"Look, we don't need much space do we?" Eliga tried to convince the party.

"No, but you didn't have to spend all a million on this!" Jude yelled at him.

"We can't even buy any furniture for this anyways..." Joseph said.

"How about we go to the guild hall, pick out a quest, get our mind of things?" Olivia tried curing the problem.

The party picked an easy beginner quest, they made sure by inquiring the representative, to which they assured it was. While the quest was easy enough, killing 10 goblins, they faced a huge challenge.

"Eliga, who's gonna be up front keeping the enemy at bay?" Brandon asked, shaking.

"Won't you, you're the only one with a sword left, that's primarily a melee fighter." Eliga responded nonchalantly.

"Sword!? I have a dagger, plus I rely on dodging not taking hits!" Brandon yelled at him.

"Well, you'll just have to dodge more now."

"Do you not see a problem here! A thief is your only front line of defence! Are you an imbecile!?" Brandon was furious at this point.

"I'm the leader and what I say goes!" Eliga ordered Brandon.

"I can't believe this is our leader..." Brandon gave up accepting his new role. The party reached their first target, a pack of three goblins.

### **Chapter 3-Goblins...**

Brandon and Joseph were stealthy watching the goblins from behind a bush scouting, while the rest of the party waited for their signal to approach. "Ahhh!" Brandon called out.

"What?" Joseph asked concerned they were going to be found out.

"Well... It's just they have food, and I'm really hungry."

"Brandon can you please shut up and focus! We have to get this, if we never take down these goblins, we won't ever get to eat."

"Okay..." Brandon sulking.

The pair watched the goblins, they noticed that two were asleep against a tree while the remaining goblin seemed like it was on guard duty. "Why are you telling me what Brandon and Joseph are seeing, can you shut up, i'm trying to wait for their signal!" Elgia shouted.

"Uhh... Elgia are you okay? Aren't we supposed to be quiet?" Olivia asked.

"I am quiet, no one else is as quiet as I am!" Elgia shouted again.

Suddenly, Olivia and Elgia stopped bickering when Brandon rose his hand. "That's the signal!" Elgia, Jude, and Olivia shouted and ran down the hill they were hiding on top of. While the goblin on guard was distracted by those three, Brandon and Joseph were behind the two sleep ready to slit their throats. "What... What do I do Joseph?"

Brandon asked hesitating.

"You know what to do! Just slide your dagger across like this" As he killed his sleeping goblin.

"What if blood gets all over me!?"

"For god sakes, why are you the thief?"

"Because killing in silence is cool."

"But you can't ki-" Joseph's speech was interrupted by the waking goblin in front of Brandon. Joseph quickly grabbed his bow from his back and loaded an arrow, the arrow finding its mark in the goblin's thigh. "It's wounded, now finish it off Brandon!" Brandon thrust his

dagger into the goblin's forehead killing it. "Finally you used that dagger you love so much."

"Hey! Can we get a little help here?" Jude called out as the other three stumbled around the guard goblin. "We killed ours, I believe in you" Brandon said sitting down.

"Don't worry I'm coming." Joseph responded.

"Come on do we have to, we did our job."

"Yeah, no thanks to you."

"Hey! I killed one"

"Barely"

"Just get over here you too idiots!" Jude shouted back at us.

Our Party finally earned some money, completing their first quest. Each member of the party got 200 gold, some of which saved theirs, some spent it the minute they got it. "Look I have a new spell!" Elgia excitedly shouted.

"For 200 gold it can't be that good?" Jude questioned.

"Well... You know... It's a spell."

"Yeah, but what does it do Elgia."

"Oh, it's ignite."

"That sounds good, what does it do?" Brandon butted in.

"Well I can set the enemy on fire... kinda sort of..."

"What do you mean, it either does or doesn't?" Jude asked.

"Well it does, but you have to touch the enemy."

"So it's a worse fireball..." Joseph said.

"No! I bought this one, so it's obviously better!" Elgia refuted.

"I can upgrade the range eventually when I level it up." Elgia added

"Okay, that sounds a little more useful." Jude said.